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OF THE
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OF THE
Mercantile Library Association

OF THE
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1832-34.	JOHN W. STEBBINS.	1857-58.	ALEXANDER P. FISKE.
1834-35.	R. R. BOYD.	1858-59.	E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.
1836-37.	CHARLES ROLPE.	1859-60.	RICHARD A. BACHIA.
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1839.	ELIAH WARD.	1862-63.	CHARLES OSGOOD.
1840.	AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN.	1863-64.	CHARLES H. SWORDS.
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1842.	JOHN T. ROLLINS.	1865-66.	ROBT. WALKER IRWIN.
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1843.	RICHARD BURLEW.	1867-68.	ALEXANDER RHIND.
1844-45.	CHARLES E. MILNOR.	1868-69.	CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1846-47.	CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.	1869-70.	M. C. D. BORDEN.
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1849.	ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1871.	CHARLES F. ALLEN.
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1853.	WILLIARD L. FELT.	1873-74.	CHAS. S. ARTHUR.
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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION

AND

Officers of the Association for 1874-75,

President,
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Fifty-Fourth Annual Report,

FELLOW MEMBERS :

Agreeable to custom and the provisions of the Constitution, the Board of Direction has the honor to present its Fifty-fourth Annual Report.

From our intimate relations with the mercantile community, we cannot hope to escape in times of great commercial depression such as at present, our share in the general calamity. This is evinced by our decreased membership and consequently diminished income. Otherwise, we think the Report of our business for the past year is a subject for much congratulation.

LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 155,120, an increase during the year of 7,542, which, with the duplicate and imperfect books sold, make our gross accessions for the year 9,062. Of these 8,647 were acquired by purchase, and 415 by donation. Of the volumes purchased, 6,401 were paid for by our funds, and 2,246 by the Clinton Hall Association.

Despite a reduced income, it will be observed by the above, that the number of books added is larger than it has been for any year since 1872, being 2,143 in excess of the additions of 1873, and 3,607 above those of 1874.

In purchasing books the Board has endeavored to make such selections as will most nearly satisfy the demand of readers. Suggestions of members have been invited, and in all cases have received prompt attention. As is the case with all circulating libraries, the number of volumes of fiction purchased is larger than all others, but our collection of standard works has been very largely increased by the addition of rare and valuable books.

The character of these works, we think, will compare very favorably with the purchases of any library in the country; in fact, there have been very few books published of any note, either in this country or England, that are not to be found on our shelves.

Large purchases have been made during the year of books in foreign languages, and at present this department of our Library is far the largest of any in the city.

Your Board deem it their duty in this connection to call your attention to the practice prevalent among some of the members of mutilating and defacing our books. Every effort has been made to detect the parties guilty of these acts of vandalism, but thus far without success.

The laws of our State make ample provision for the punishment of those detected in such acts of desecration, and it is hoped, that members of the Library, caring for the welfare of the institution,

will lend their aid in ferreting them out in order, that they may receive the merited punishment.

In the early part of the year it became necessary to provide more shelf room for the books, that were constantly being added to the Library. Upon examination it was found, that an extra shelf could be added to each alcove on the second tier. This was accordingly ordered to be done. Shelving, three rows deep, was also placed around the entire gallery which surrounds the Library.

These alterations have served to accommodate us for the present, but further arrangements for the same purpose will shortly be required.

The Library has been open for use 305 days during the year, being every day except Sundays and legal holidays.

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of active members May 1st, 1874, was.			5,116	
"	"	"	subscribing members May 1st, 1874.	8,913
Joined during the year at \$4.....			851	
"	"	"	5.....	1,850
Withdrawals at \$4.....			180	
"	"	"	5.....	302
Accounts closed by Constitution at \$4.....			1,113	
"	"	"	5.....	2,081
Decrease during the year.....				533
Active members on the 1st May, 1875.....			4,674	
Subscribing members on the 1st May, 1875.....			3,706	
				8,380
Honorary members on the 1st May, 1875.....				90
Editors using Library and Reading Room.....				55
Clinton Hall Stockholders.....				1,762
Total number of persons entitled to use the Library and				
Reading Room, May 1st, 1875....				10,287

It will be seen from the above, that there are at the present time 4,674 active members, and 3,706 subscribing members, or a total of 8,380 members as against 8,913 at this time last year.

The loss of members over and above, what we gave gained, was not wholly unexpected by your Board. Large numbers of clerks have been obliged from stagnation of business to relinquish their situations, the curtailment of means occasioned thereby compelling them to withdraw from the Association, and as will be seen by a comparison with last year's Report, almost our entire loss is from this class of members. Of the reported loss of 533 members, 442 of them are clerks and only 91 subscribers.

Most of this loss occurred in the first part of the year, and as the last few months show an increase as compared with the same months of the previous year, we indulge in the hope, that the decrease has at last received a check.

FINANCE.

It will be seen from the Report of the Treasurer, that the total income of the Association from all sources has been \$34,657.83. The total expenditures for the year have been \$33,873.29, of which \$23,486.29 was expended for salaries, insurance, binding, stationery, light, rent, fixtures and running expenses, and the balance, \$10,387.00, for books and periodicals. The investments of the Demilt, Grosvenor and Lorillard legacies remain unchanged. The item of \$391.19 in Treasurer's Report, charged to suspense account, was in the Stuyvesant Bank at the time of its failure, no portion of which has as yet been recovered by the Library.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of our books falls somewhat below that of last year, due to causes already explained. The total number of volumes distributed during the year was 203,145, of which 154,368 were issued at the Main Library, 46,355 at the Branch Office, and 2,422 at the residences of members. The average daily circulation was 666 volumes. The greatest number of books issued in one day was on January 30, when 1,467 volumes were delivered. The smallest daily circulation was 362 volumes on the 29th of September last. The number of magazines circulated was 6,584. The number of books used for reference in the Library was 7,322. The number of notices sent to members to return books retained over time was 9,490.

BOOK DELIVERY.

In September last your Board resolved to renew the system of delivering books at the residences of members. Books are now sent to any part of the city below 60th street for 10 cents each. Instead of using a horse and wagon, as under the old plan, messengers are employed, which in addition to being more economical, gives equal satisfaction.

Since the 1st of October, the date at which the new system went into operation, 2,422 books have been delivered. The number of deliveries has steadily increased each month, until now the department is almost self-sustaining.

DUPLICATE BOOKS.

The number of duplicate books sold during the year is 991. The total amount received from the sale of the same is \$509.78.

While every effort has been made to sell as many of the duplicates as possible, great care has been taken not to reduce them down too closely. The space allowed for the reception of our duplicate books is rapidly filling up, and while being sufficient for our immediate wants, increased accommodations will soon be required.

DONATIONS.

To the many friends, who have kindly remembered us during the past year, our thanks are due for donations of various books and pamphlets, a list of which will be found in the appendix.

Our special acknowledgments are due to Hon. JOHN D. LAWSON, and Hon. DIETRICH WILLERS, jr., Secretary of State, at Albany, for large donations of Congressional and Legislative documents ; also, to the heads of the various departments of the National Government are we indebted for donations of valuable works. To Messrs. R. L. & A. STUART for 24 volumes of the Ante-Nicene Christian Library. To Mr. ENRIQUE PINEYRO for 71 volumes of valuable foreign books ; also, to Rev. LYMAN ABBOTT, and L. D. KIERNAN, Esq., Clerk of the N. Y. Board of Education, for large donations.

Your Board take this opportunity of thanking the unknown Friend, who in October last, kindly presented the Library with a magnificent engraving entitled, "Browsing." This engraving now hangs in the Reading Room, bearing the card which came with it, on which is inscribed the following : "For the Reading Room of the Mercantile Library, from a Friend. New York, October, 1874."

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

But few changes, and those of a minor character, have taken place among the employes of the Library during the past year. The administration of Mr. W. T. PEOPLES and his assistants, has been characterized by ability, energy, and uniform courtesy, and the thanks of your Board, as well as of the members, are eminently due to them for the manner in which they have performed their onerous duties.

BINDERY.

The number of books, which have received the attention of our Binder and his assistants, is 8,332. The number of books purchased in paper covers, and newly bound, was 3,376, the remainder 4,956, were old books repaired and rebound. 54,303 books have been furnished with paper covers. At the request of the Trustees of Clinton Hall Association, the Bindery has been removed to the fourth floor of the building to enable them to furnish Messrs. Leavitt & Co. more room for their business.

CATALOGUES.

Catalogues on hand May 1st, 1874.....		132
Sold during the year.....		5
Number on hand May 1st, 1875.....		127
In sheets.....	126	
Bound.....	1	127
Supplementary Catalogues, (printed Dec. 1869) on hand		
May 1st, 1874.....		878
Sold during the year.....	9	
Used in Library and donated.....	8	17
Number on hand May 1st, 1875.....		861
In sheets.....	836	
Bound.....	25	861
Supplementary Catalogue, (printed April, 1872) on hand		
May 1st, 1874.....		1,456
Sold during the year.....	68	
Used in Library and donated.....	29	97
Number on hand May 1st, 1875.....		1,359
In sheets.....	933	
Bound.....	426	1,359

From the above statement it will be seen, that our supply of full Catalogues is almost exhausted, the number remaining on hand being only 127, which will very soon be used up by actual use in the Library. We think the time has arrived, when steps must be taken to publish an entire new Catalogue. Our present Catalogue is rather a complicated one, and of very little use to those not familiar with its system of classification. When a new one is decided upon, we hope it will be issued on the latest and most approved plan, such as is now being adopted by all the principal libraries of this country and Europe, and which consists of one alphabetical arrangement of author, title, and subject. By this system readers are enabled to reach by the shortest way possible the information for which they seek. For instance: If a book is wanted, the authorship of which is not known, it will be found by looking for it under the title; if neither the author or the title be remembered, the searcher can find it under the head of the subject matter.

We urge upon the Board of Direction, for the coming year, the necessity of giving this subject their earliest attention.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Free Scholarships, conferred on this Institution by Columbia College, continue to be filled by the two gentlemen named in the last Annual Report, viz: Mr. THOS. S. ORMISTON and Mr. HENRY WHITNEY BATES.

The Report received by your Board, from the officers of the College, shows their standing to be very satisfactory.

CLASSES.

This auxiliary branch of our Institution has long ceased to be a popular one. By reference to back reports, it will be observed, that the number of members using the classes has been gradually decreasing every year. Last year it was found impossible to obtain for some of the classes a single scholar, and our net receipts amounted only to \$12.50.

Your Board, after a careful and thorough examination of the subject, and in view of the fact, that the Board of Education of our city, as well as other institutions, offered every possible advantage to pupils to learn the various languages, free of charge, became convinced, that it would be impossible for us to obtain sufficient scholars to make the classes remunerative. Taking into consideration also the fact, that the class rooms could be used to advantage for purposes for which the Library was greatly in need of space, they decided in September last, that all classes should be discontinued.

LECTURES.

From former experiences, it was considered not desirable, in a pecuniary sense, to organize a lecture course during the past year.

Your Board, however, through the earnest solicitations of a number of prominent merchants, together with the Chamber of Commerce, were induced in November last, to invite Mr. Bonamy Price, Professor of Political Economy at Oxford University, England, to deliver two lectures on Finance. The first lecture was delivered at Association Hall, Nov. 24th. Subject: "Metallic and

Paper Currency." The second at Steinway Hall, Nov. 30th. Subject: "The General Causes of Panics and Crises."

We regret to say, that neither of these lectures met with that support for which we had hoped. It was thought at the time, as this was a subject in which the entire community had a deep interest, and as Professor Price, one of the leading Economists of Europe, was known to have given the subject of our financial condition considerable study and attention, there could be no doubt about the success of both lectures. The result proved we were mistaken. The expenses exceeded the receipts to the amount of \$425.52. Mr. Wm. E. Dodge, Jr., kindly gave us his check for \$200, thereby reducing the Library's loss to \$225.52.

READING ROOM.

The number of newspapers on file in the Reading Room is 259. The number of magazines 158, making a total of 417 newspapers and magazines.

During the year the room has been thoroughly repaired and repainted, for which purpose it was closed from August 10th to August 24th. In July last your Board decided to close the Room on Sundays, since which time it has not been opened on that day.

It was with great reluctance, that the above action was taken, but as the attendance had dwindled to such small numbers, we did not feel justified in incurring the expense of keeping the Room open to accommodate the very few, who availed themselves of the privilege.

As was stated in the last Annual Report, the attendance did not equal 1 per cent. of our member-

ship, and those, who did attend, were not of that class (the young men) for whose benefit the opening on Sunday was particularly intended.

The Board would state in this connection, that they are not averse to opening the Room, and would not have closed it, had the members shown by their attendance, that it was appreciated and desired. From kindred institutions, who have tried the Sunday service, the report comes, with one or two exceptions, that their experience has been the same as our own. The Baltimore Mercantile Library, after keeping their Reading Room open on Sundays for six months, closed it in July last.

The Trustees of the Boston Public Library, although they have not closed their Room, report, that the Sunday opening is not a distinguished success.

DOWN-TOWN OFFICE.

The only Branch Office now in existence is that at No. 51 Liberty street, which continues to be very popular with the members. The number of volumes issued during the year from this office was 46,355.

During last summer the Room was thoroughly cleaned and kalsomined, giving it a neat and airy appearance.

The Board is pleased to state, that they have succeeded in having the rent reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000 per annum for the coming year.

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

To the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees of this Association we would express our grateful acknowledgments for the assistance rendered during

the past year. Our relations have been characterized with the most uniform kindness and courtesy.

During the year they have repainted the halls and corridors of the building, and defrayed the expense of painting and refitting the Reading Room, and also, at our request, provided us with a new fire and burglar proof safe. This is a fixture, that has long been needed, and we congratulate you upon its possession.

BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The only change we have to note during the year is that occasioned by the resignation of Mr. E. C. TAYLOR on the 18th of May, 1874. Mr. SEYMOUR A. BUNCE was elected to fill the vacancy.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

During the year Messrs. WILLIAM REMSEN and WILLIAM T. GARNER were unanimously elected honorary members of the Association.

OBITUARY.

Two honorary members have died during the past year, viz. : Mr. WM. H. ASPINWALL and Mr. ISAAC GREEN PEARSONS; also, two ex-officers, namely, Mr. SIDNEY C. GENIN, Director in 1840, and Mr. SAMUEL U. F. ODELL, Director in 1852, and Corresponding Secretary in 1853.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

On the Examination of the Books and other property of the Association.

To the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned have undertaken to perform the duty assigned them by your Board, and herewith submit the report of their examination of the “Books and other property” of the Association, which you officially represent.

In general terms, there is nothing to criticise in the condition and arrangement of the Books. They are admirably classified and placed, are neatly covered, and cleanly in appearance, evincing a commendable care on the part of the employes of the Library, and from a random glance at their pages, your Committee feel warranted in saying, must have careful usage at the hands of the many thousands, who use them.

The capacity of the room devoted to the Library proper seems to have reached its limits during the past year. There has been added a row of shelves encircling the entire room on the inner side of the balcony, adjoining the second or upper tier of alcoves, and giving place for some 12,000 volumes. But this additional room is already nearly filled, and for any further extension of shelving, we fail to discover available space.

The Bindery is an important feature, suggestive of a thoughtful enterprise on the part of the management, and we learn a very considerable saving to the Expense Account every year.

We notice a new and useful “Safe,” which the Librarian informs us is the gift of the Clinton Hall Trustees.

The Reading Room is bright and cheerful in its apartment, is well stocked with the leading newspapers and magazines of the day, is most orderly and convenient in its arrangement, and on the occasion of your Committee's visit, with a large attendance of readers, was yet perfectly quiet and undisturbed.

It is a noticeable fact, that no one, at all familiar with its work, can visit the Library without at once remarking the *utter inadaplibility of the building to the purpose for which it is used*. In the first place, it is neither roomy enough nor capable of arrangement to properly facilitate its work. In the second place, *it is unsafe as regards its contents*. When the ship becomes unseaworthy it is condemned, and that's the end of it. It is unfortunate, that there is no provision of the law, that will give safety to our Books, as it will sometimes do to our persons. Your Committee cannot close their Report without expressing the earnest hope, that what the law is powerless to effect, the many and true friends of the Library will speedily set themselves at work to accomplish.

Signed,

M. C. D. BORDEN,	} Committee.
ALEX. P. FISK,	
GEO. C. WOOD,	
C. L. EVERETT,	
S. HASTINGS GRANT,	

NEW YORK, April 16, 1875.

Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks and others.

We have to record the continued prosperity of this Institution. With constantly increasing deposits and large surplus, and controlled, as we know it to be, by gentlemen of large experience in mercantile and financial matters, we cordially recommend it to the very large class of savings bank depositors in our city, but more particularly to the Merchants' Clerks, as worthy in every way of their confidence.

CONCLUSION.

We have thus concluded our review of the progress of the Association during the past year.

Our Report of its present condition, in most respects, is highly gratifying. We now possess almost 156,000 volumes.

Our Library, although not the oldest, holds the first rank among the Libraries of our city.

In the number of our Books we are exceeded only by the following three Libraries in this country, viz. :

Library of Congress,	-	-	-	274,157	volumes.
Boston Public Library,	-	-	-	270,700	"
Harvard University Library,	-	-	-	198,000	"

If everything, that the present Board has striven for has not been accomplished, they are conscious of having maintained, at a time of unparalleled commercial depression, the high degree of popularity heretofore enjoyed by the Library, and we are pleased to state, that our successors in the management of its affairs will not be encumbered with any indebtedness whatever contracted during our administration. When we say the Library is entirely

free from debt, the statement is strictly correct. Every claim against the Association incurred prior to the 30th of April, has been called in and paid before making up the Treasurer's Report.

Such, gentlemen of the Association, is the condition of our Institution, and in closing, we congratulate you upon its present position and its prospect for the future.

On behalf of the Board,

SAMUEL PUTNAM,

President.

NEW YORK, May 11th, 1875.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York, was held in the Reading Room, Clinton Hall, Astor Place, on Tuesday evening, May 11th, 1875.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, Mr. SAM'L PUTNAM, who took the chair.

The minutes of the Fifty-third Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the President and Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association were read, and, on motion of Mr. CHAS. F. ALLEN, were accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, Mr. WM. H. GUION, JR., presented his report for the year ending April 30th, 1875, which was approved and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Directors was then read by the President.

On motion of Mr. SAM'L W. HARNED, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Report as read by the President be accepted, and the usual number of copies printed for circulation among the members.

Mr. PETER VOORHIS offered the following:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the members of the Mercantile Library Association are eminently and justly due, and are hereby cordially tendered to the members of the Board of Direction for the very able and efficient manner in which they have managed and conducted the affairs of the Association during the past year of almost universal commercial depression.

Adopted.

The meeting was then addressed by the REV. DR. BELLows, COL. FRED. A. CONKLING, W. F. T. CHAPMAN, Esq., and M. C. D. BORDEN, Esq., after which, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

JNO. C. PALMER, *Rec. Sec.*

APPENDIXES
TO
ANNUAL REPORT.

1875.

[APPENDIX I.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

WM. H. GUION, Jr., Treasurer, in account with the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York, for the year ending April 30, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

Balance May 1st, 1874.....	\$817 41	
Initiation fees	1,851 00	
Semi-annual dues	20,640 00	
Duplicate accounts.....	2,077 00	
Loans	4,739 15	
Catalogues.....	60 00	
Duplicate Books.....	509 78	
Interest	1,260 00	
Class.....	52 00	
Clinton Hall.....	2,226 50	
Old paper	162 64	
Book delivery.....	263 35	
		<u>\$34,657 83</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	8,385 02	
Periodicals	2,001 98	
Fixtures	542 87	
Light.....	1,905 30	
Salaries	13,802 83	
Incidentals.....	1,519 46	
Branch Office	1,508 71	
Printing.....	12 50	
Binding	591 50	
Stationery	996 84	
Advertising.....	19 35	
Insurance.....	685 00	
Permanent Catalogue Fund	330 00	
Special Appropriations.....	500 00	
Lectures	225 52	
Elizabeth Branch.....	5 00	
Class	35 00	
Book Delivery new account	803 67	
“ old “	3 14	
		<u>\$33,873 29</u>
Suspense account		391 19
Balance in bank.		193 35
“ petty cash.....		200 00
		<u>\$34,657 83</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GUION, Jr.

Treasurer.

[APPENDIX II.]

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library :

The Trustees, of the Clinton Hall Association, present their Annual Report, of their Treasurer, EDMUND COFFIN, Esq, for the year ending May 9th, 1875, containing the receipts and disbursements, with the number of books purchased, the cash balance on hand, with a statement of the Contingent Fund, for the erection of a fire-proof building, for the protection of the Library.

It will be seen, that the Contingent Fund amounts to the sum of Forty-nine thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and twenty-five cents.

There have been added to the Library during the past year, Twenty-two hundred and forty-six volumes, making with those purchased in previous years, and placed in the Library, for the use of its members, Eighteen thousand three hundred and forty-one volumes. These books have been selected with great care, and the young men, clerks in the city of New York, should lose no time in signing their names, and becoming members of the Library.

The Institution being established for their benefit, it would seem to be a duty for them to accept its advantages.

The Trustees, have with the approval of a committee of the Mercantile Library, arranged with the Messrs. LEAVITTS', the Lessees, for an extension of their lease, for a period of three years, beyond the termination of the present one, at the same rent, Nineteen thousand dollars

per annum. This is believed to be a good arrangement, expecting that the period of time, five years, will bridge over the present depression, existing in the business of this city.

The Trustees are not unmindful of the importance of securing for the Library, a fire-proof building to be erected upon a location central, convenient for members, and commanding in position. No other should be thought of.

When the Contingent Fund shall amount to a sum sufficient to meet the expense, and leave the Institution free of debt, a location will be sought for, and a building erected for the Library, creditable to the city of New York.

WILSON G. HUNT,

President Clinton Hall Association.

HUGH N. CAMP,

Secretary.

NEW YORK, May 9th, 1875.

[APPENDIX III.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

	<i>May, 1874.</i>	
Balance on hand.....	\$3,792 84	
	<i>May, 1875.</i>	
Rental for year 1874.....	19,000 00	
		\$22,792 84

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	5,391 14
Janitor.....	392 63
Insurance.....	1,173 14
Repairing flag-staff.....	15 90
Advertising.....	9 45
Stamp for books.....	3 00
Glass store windows.....	50 74
Chairs and stools for Reading Room.....	185 50
Painting and kalsomining Reading Room.....	341 75
“ “ Hall and offices.....	397 00
Matting for Reading Room.....	29 75
Coal, &c.....	750 70
Carpenters and lumber.....	388 91
Plumbing.....	107 86
Masons and iron columns.....	336 10
Furnace repairs.....	209 30
Box Safe Deposit Company.....	20 00

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Towards printing Annual Report.....	100 00
Binding books.....	551 50
Iron safe.....	350 00
Half rent down-town office.....	600 00
Clerical services.....	500 00
Scrubbing stairs and halls.....	125 00
Contingent Fund Appropriations.....	5,000 00

	\$17,029 37	
Cash on hand <i>May 5, 1875.</i>	5,763 47	
		\$22,792 84

Report of the Treasurer of the CLINTON HALL ASSO'N—continued.

CONTINGENT FUND.

May, 1874.

Amount brought forward.....	41,132 52
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May, 1875.

Eighth Appropriation 1874.....	5,000 00
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Interest for year 1874	3,027 93
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\$49,160 45

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS.

N. Y. State 6's.....	18,500 00
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N. Y. City 7's.....	6,000 00
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U. S. Trust Company.....	10,000 00
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Bond and Mortgage.....	14,000 00
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Cash.....	660 45
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\$49,160 45

Insurance on building.....	\$125,000 00
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“ on books.....	45,000 00
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Books added past year 2,246 volumes, classified as follows:

On Theology.....	362
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“ Mental and Moral Science.....	66
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“ Political Science	121
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“ Literature	578
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“ History, Geography and Travels.....	447
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“ Biography	269
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“ Mathematics	9
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“ Natural Science.....	121
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“ Medicine.....	94
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“ Arts.....	179
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2,246

Previous purchases	16,095
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Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall	18,341
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EDMUND COFFIN,

Treasurer, Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May, 1875.

ANNUAL REPORT.

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APPENDIX IV.

ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

[Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820. to 1st of May, 1875.]

YEARS.	No. of Members who have joined the Library.	No. of Volumes acquired by pur- chase & donation.	Amount Expend- ed for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Expend- ed for Binding.	Donations re- ceived.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,369 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 66
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,442 86	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,390 36
1867-68	2,659	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,090	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,990 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
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	58,117	183,885	\$214,135 89	\$28,418 18	\$28,480 75	\$704,476 77

[APPENDIX V.]

CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1875. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down-Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residences.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,097	18,166						223		Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555						277		Feb. 27.
1861-62	92,575	76,827	15,748		8,246	54,137	141,214	8,543	322	1,573	Feb. 19.
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649		8,428	52,203	150,916	6,947	297	1,832	Mar. 18.
1863-64	102,649	85,092	16,957		11,184	57,272	169,646	7,202	355	1,727	Jan. 20.
1864-65	189,609	156,437	33,172		11,882	81,519	172,572	14,943	661	1,772	Jan. 25.
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266		12,869	73,167	170,529	16,149	696	1,647	Jan. 24.
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901		12,306	62,489	159,889	17,155	718	1,343	Jan. 30.
1867-68	203,894	151,588	44,060		5,791					1,467	
1868-69	210,066	156,558	45,080		2,422						
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,826								
1870-71	269,034	184,780	53,012	19,360							
1871-72	250,845	164,253	58,439	24,284							
1872-73	239,533	163,696	51,378	12,153							
1873-74	204,632	154,265	44,576								
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355								

[APPENDIX VI.]

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of Volumes, April 30, 1874.....	147,578
“ “ added this year by purchase..	8,647
“ “ “ “ donation..	415
	<hr/> 9,062
French Books added.....	318
German “	368
Other Foreign Books added.....	46
English Books added	8,330
	<hr/> 9,062
Folio and Quarto	309
Octavo	3,498
Duodecimo, etc	5,255
	<hr/> 9,062
On Theology	456
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.....	162
“ Political Science	186
“ Natural Science.....	175
“ Literature.....	1,662
“ History, Geography and Travel.....	858
“ Biography	496
“ Mathematics.....	12
“ Medicine	161
“ Arts	308
“ English Fiction.....	4,586
	<hr/> 9,062
Less surplus Books sold.....	991
“ imperfect “	529
	<hr/> 1,520
	<hr/> 7,542
Total Volumes, April 30th, 1875.....	155,120
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	2,246
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Pamphlets added.....	279
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[APPENDIX VII.]

EXECUTIVE FORCE.

Librarian,

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,

GEORGE COOPE.

Cataloguing Assistants,

JOHANNES BADE,

JOHN J. COTT.

Book-keeper and Cashier,

FREDERICK G. BOURNE.

*Desk Clerks.*J. N. WING, *Chief,*

FRANK POST,

JOHN J. O'BRIEN,

WM. H. ARKILLS.

WM. E. KING,

WM. TORBOHM.

Collector,

CORNELIUS J. KANE.

Reading Room Attendants,

T. J. TITUS,

MISS L. B. HUBBELL.

Sup't Down-Town Office,

E. F. OSBORNE.

Binder,

WM. LITTLEFIELD.

Assistants,

MISS ANNIE SUTER,

JAMES WILSON.

Messenger,

HENRY KREPS.

Janitor,

HENRY F. WILSON.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association :

Pursuant to the articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of the monies received by me, on account of said Fund, since the date of the last report, May 21, 1874:

Balance on hand at that date.....	\$2,034.35
Interest accrued.....	122.06
1875.	

May. Received from the Mercantile Library Association, in re-imbursement of money advanced to them.....	330.00
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Amount of Fund at this date.....	\$2,486.41
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WILLARD L. FELT,

Treasurer Permanent Catalogue Fund.

NEW YORK, May 15, 1875.

[APPENDIX IX.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

May 1, 1874, to April 30, 1875.

DEMILT, MISS ELIZABETH, Interest of Fund.....	\$210
GROSVENOR, SETH, " "	700
LORILLARD, PETER, " "	350
	<hr/> \$1,260

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Abbott, Rev. Lyman.....	14	
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.....		2
“ Bible Society.....		1
“ Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions....		1
“ Institute of Architects.....		1
“ Pharmaceutical Association.....		1
“ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		1
“ Tract Society.....	1	
Andover Theological Seminary.....		1
Austice, Henry.....		1
Apprentices Library.....	1	
Arnoux, Wm. Henry.....	1	
Astor Library.....		1
Babbitt, E. D., M.D.....		1
Baldwin, O. S.....	1	
Bell, Clark		3
Beman, S.....	18	
Bland, Thomas.....		1
Blessing, Hon. Andrew.....	5	
Bouvier, L.....	2	
Brachvogel, Udo.....		1
Briggs, G. C., Boston, Mass.....		1
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass.....		1
Bunkerhill Monument Association, Boston, Mass.....		2
Bureau of Charities.....		5
Burns, Mrs. Eliza B.....		1
California (State of) Insurance Commissioner.....		1
Chicago Public Library.....		1
“ Relief and Aid Society.....	1	
Children's Aid Society.....		1

	Vols.	Pam.
Christern, F. W.	1	2
Citizen of Englewood, N. J.		2
Citizens' Association of New York.	1	
City Library of Lowell, Mass.		3
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.		1
Cobden Club, London, England.	1	3
College of the City of New York.		1
Columbia College.	1	
Connecticut State Reform School.		4
Cowdin, Elliott C.		1
Cox, Hon. S. S.		1
Croftutt, Geo. A.	1	
Dalton, J. C., M. D.	1	
De Peyster, General John Watts.		5
Dessar, Hon. Leo C., Albany, N. Y.		1
Deutsch-Amerikanisches Conversations-Lexikon, Editors of.	1	
Dix, Hon. John A.		3
Dix, Rev. Morgan.		1
Dix, Wm. Giles, Peabody, Mass.		1
Dodd & Mead.	11	
Dunan, S. H.		1
Emerson, Mrs. N. S.	1	
English, Stephen.	1	
Forsyth, W. F.		5
Foster, Brevet Major General J. G., Washington, D. C.		1
Francis, Sam'l W., M. D.		1
Free Public Library of Lawrence, Mass.		1
“ “ “ “ Liverpool, England.		1
“ “ “ “ Worcester, Mass.		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.		2
Georgetown College.		1
Gerard, James.		1
German Friend.	1	
Gillmore, Brevet Major General, R. A.	1	
Goodridge, John C. Jr., Brooklyn, L. I.		1
Green, Andrew II.		3
Guernsey, R. S.		1
Gunn, Robert A., M. D.	4	
Haried, Sam'l W.		1
Hartford Young Men's Institute.		1
Hatfield, Rev. E. M.	1	
Hinton, Henry L., & Co.	7	3
Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati.		1
Home for Incurables, Fordham, N. Y.		1
Kernot, Henry.		2
Lawson, Hon. John D., Washington, D. C.	47	10
Leary, Walter C.		1
Leonard, Miss Elizabeth B.		8
Lester, C. Edwards.		6
Library Committee of Lancaster, Mass.		1
“ “ “ “ Woburn, Mass.		2
“ “ “ “ Company of Philadelphia, Pa.		1
Licking County Soldiers Monumental Ass'n, Newark, Ohio.		1
Lindsley, J. Berrier, M. D., D. D., Nashville, Tenn.		1
Lyceum of Natural History.		2

	Vols.	Pam.
Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio		1
Marvin, Frederic R., M. D.	1	
Massachusetts State Board of Health		1
Mercantile Library Association of Baltimore, Md.	1	1
" " " " Brooklyn, L. I.		1
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.	1	1
" " Company of Philadelphia, Pa.		2
Michigan (State of) Superintendent of Public Instruction ..	1	
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.		1
Moore, Frank	2	
Newlin, Rev. E. J., D. D.		2
New York (City of) Board of Education	54	3
" " " " Police Justices		1
" " Department of Doeks		1
" (State of) Chamber of Commerce	1	1
" " Secretary of State	17	
" " State Library		1
" " Treasurer of the State		1
" Catholic Protectory, Westchester, N. Y.		1
" City Mission and Tract Society		1
" Infant Asylum		3
" Medical College and Hospital for Women		1
" Produce Exchange	1	
Oakley, Henry A.		1
Odd Fellows Library Association, San Francisco, Cal.		1
Ohio (State of) Auditor of State	1	
" " Commissioners of the Sinking Fund		1
" " State Library	2	2
Onderdonek, Henry, Jr., Jamaica, L. I.	14	7
Ontario Parliament, Toronto, Ontario	1	
Palmer, C. Albert	1	
Peabody Institute of Baltimore, Md.		1
" " Danvers, Mass.		1
" " Peabody, Mass.		1
Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia, Pa.	1	
Peoples, Wm. T.		1
Perkins, F. B., Boston, Mass.		1
Pike, James S., Calais, Maine		1
Pineyro, Enrique	71	
Post, Frank	1	
Prison Association of New York		1
Providence Athenæum, Providence, R. I.		1
Public Free Libraries of Manchester, England		1
Public Library of Boston		3
" " " Indianapolis		1
" " " Quincy, Mass.		1
" " " Taunton, Mass.		1
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.		2
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy		1
Rogers, Stephen, Consul of Chile		2
Saint Louis Mercantile Library Association	1	1
" Public Schools		1
Sampson, Clarence, Boston, Mass.		1
Santa Clara College		1
School Committee and Library Trustees, Winchester, Mass.		1

	Vols.	Pam.
Seward, F. W.		1
Shaw, R. Tenment	1	
Sherman, Wm. A.	5	
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	3	4
Social Science Association of Philadelphia, Pa.		2
State Historical Society at Iowa City.		1
State Library of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass.		1
“ “ “ New Hampshire, Concord, N. H.		1
Stuart, R. L. & A.	24	
Sturges, E.	1	5
Summer, Chs. A., San Francisco, Cal.		4
Tiffany, John K., Saint Louis, Mo.		1
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.		1
Tufts College		1
United States Board of Indian Commissioners.		1
“ Chief of Engineers.	3	9
“ Chief of Ordnance.	3	
“ Civil Service Commission.		1
“ Coast Survey.	1	
“ Commissioner of Education.	2	2
“ Commissioner of Patents.	10	1
“ Librarian of Congress.		1
“ Quartermaster-General.	9	34
“ Secretary of the Interior.	56	
“ Secretary of the Navy.		1
“ Secretary of State.	2	2
“ Supervising Surgeon U. S. Marine Hospital Service.	1	2
“ Surgeon-General.		1
Unknown Friends	2	
Veterans of the National Guard.		1
Wallace, Wm. H., & Co.	1	
Waltham, Officers of the Town of.		1
Warren County Library, Monmouth, Ill.		1
Waterston, Rev. R. C., Boston, Mass.		2
Watertown Free Public Library, Watertown, Mass.		1
Watson, Jas.	1	
Welles, Albert.	1	
Wheeler, Lieut. Geo. M., Washington, D. C.	1	
White, Prof. Andrew D., Ithaca, N. Y.		1
Whittaker, T.		1
Wilmington Institute.		1
Wilson, James Grant.		3
Woodward. —, San Francisco, Cal.		1
Worcester County Musical Association, Worcester, Mass.		1
Yale College.		4
Young Men's Christian Association.		1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Ass'n, of Cincinnati, Ohio.		1
Total.	415	279

[APPENDIX X.]

HONORARY MEMBERS.

OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

MAY 1, 1875.

Hon. Chas. Francis Adams,
William Adams, D.D.,
Benjamin G. Arnold,
Isaac H. Bailey,
Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL.D.,
Hon. Daniel D. Barnard,
F. A. P. Barnard, LL.D., S.T.D.,
Henry W. Bellows, D.D.,
William A. Booth,
M. C. D. Borden,
Edgar Botsford,
William Cullen Bryant,
Elihu Burritt,
Hugh N. Camp,
Hon. Joseph R. Chandler,
Horace B. Claflin,
Luther Clark,
Hon. John Cochrane,
Edmund Coffin,
Hon. Schuyler Colfax,
Peter Cooper,
Thomas S. Cummings,
Hon. Charles P. Daly,
Richard H. Dana, Jr.,
Frederick De Peyster,
Orville Dewey, D.D.,
Hon. William E. Dodge,
Prof. R. Ogden Doremus,
John W. Draper, M.D.,
Alexander F. Duncan,
Charles Edwards,

Cornelius L. Everitt,
Hon. Reuben E. Fenton,
Benj. H. Field,
Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Wm. H. Furness, D.D.,
Wm. T. Garner,
Parke Godwin,
John H. Gourlie,
S. Hastings Grant,
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant,
Wm. H. Guion,
Hon. A. Oakey Hall,
William Harris, D.D.,
Joseph Henry, LL.D.,
Rosewell D. Hitchcock, D.D.,
Richard M. Hoe,
Hon. John T. Hoffman,
John Hone, Jr.,
Frederick Hudson,
Wilson G. Hunt,
John R. Hurd,
Ephraim H. Jenny,
John D. Jones,
Louis Kossuth,
Richard Lathers,
James Lenox,
Rev. Harmon Loomis, D.D.,
Allan McLane,
Benjamin F. Manierre,
Manton Marble,
Samuel Marsh,

Hon. F. E. Mather,
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL.D.,
Edmund Morewood,
Hon. E. D. Morgan,
D. Colden Murray,
John K. Myers,
S. H. Pennington, M.D.,
President (ex-officio) of the Boston
Mercantile Library.
President (ex-officio) of the Mer-
cantile Library Association,
Portland, Me.
George L. Prentiss, D.D.,
William C. Prime,
Rossiter W. Raymond,
Wm. Remsen,

Marshall O. Roberts,
Hon. Horatio Seymour,
Jackson S. Schultz,
Benjamin D. Silliman,
Jonathan D. Steele,
Alexander T. Stewart,
Hon. Thomas E. Stewart,
F. W. Steinbrenner,
Henry A. Stone,
Francis Thompson,
Silas Totten, D.D.,
Richard I. Tucker,
G. B. Vroom,
Alex. S. Webb
Samuel Willetts,

Wm. T. Garner and Wm. Remsen were elected during the past year.

HONORARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR :

Wm. H. Aspinwall,

Isaac Green Pearsons.

[APPENDIX XI.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION

AND

Officers of the Association for 1875-76.

President,
CHAS. C. HOUGH.

Vice President,
WM. H. GUION, Jr.

Corresponding Secretary,
CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

Recording Secretary,
J. C. PALMER.

Treasurer,
A. L. BELL.

Class, for One Year,
CHARLES F. ALLEN
CHARLES S. ARTHUR, ALEX. M. EAGLESON,
A. L. BELL.

Class, for Two Years,
WM. CURTIS NOYES, CHARLES C. HOUGH,
J. C. PALMER, WM. E. GAVIT.

Class, for Three Years,
CHARLES H. WILSON, WM. H. GUION, Jr.
W. D. SEARLS. GEORGE D. FARRAR.

Librarian,
WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,
GEORGE COOPE.

Counsel to the Association,
HON. HENRY E. DAVIES.

[APPENDIX XII.]

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

CHAS. C. HOUGH.

President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

Cor. Sec. Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

WILSON G. HUNT,

President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DANIEL F. APPLETON.

WILLARD L. FELT,

From the Members at Large.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

WILSON G. HUNT,

EDMUND COFFIN,

WILLIAM E. DODGE,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

JOHN K. MYERS,

HUGH N. CAMP,

M. C. D. BORDEN.

WILSON G. HUNT,

HUGH N. CAMP.

President.

Secretary.

EDMUND COFFIN,

Treasurer.

